Outstanding dues to CIL

2586. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount is outstanding as dues to Coal India Limited till 31st December, 2001;

(b) out of this how much amount is due from power sector; and

(c) the steps are taken to recover the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The total coal sale outstanding dues to Coal India Limited (CIL) from all sectors as on 31st December, 2001 is Rs, 6788.44 crore:

(b) The outstanding dues payable by power sector to Coal India Limited as on 31st December, 2001 is Rs. 6113.79 crore:

(c) The following steps have been taken for recovery of outstanding dues:

(i) During the period 1997-98 to 2001-02, an amount of Rs. 969.25 crores has been recovered from Central Plan Assistance of the concerned states.

(ii) Adjustment of coal sale dues of State Electricity Boards (SEBs) towards power bills, royalty, cess [Rupees 6047.80 crs. (provisional) have already been adjusted from 1997-1998 to 2001-2002].

(iii) The Government has recently approved scheme of one-time settlement of outstanding dues as on 30-09-2001, which is linked to a mechanism that would ensure payment of current dues in future.

(iv) Settlement of disputed outstanding dues through umpires appointed by the Government. A total of seven cases involving Rs. 6B5 crore have been referred to the umpires for resolution.

Interim award has been announced in seven cases and final award in three cases.

(v) Through coal supply agreements between CIL subsidiaries and State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/power utilities like Punjab SEB, Haryana SEB, Badarpur Thermal Power Station, Maharashtra SEB, Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd., Rajasthan SEB, Calcutta Electricity Supply Company, Damodar Valley Corporation, having provision of payments etc.

(vi) Settlement of disputed dues with SEBs through bilateral discussions.

Power purchase agreement with DPC

†2587. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a power purchase agreement was signed between Dabhol Power Company and the Government;

(b) if so, the date on which this agreement was signed;

(c) the names of the office bearers who signed this agreement on bahalf of the company and the Government; and

(d) whether the above agreement has not been beneficial for the interests of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA):

(a) to (c) A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between representatives of the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) and Dabhol Power Company (DPC) was signed on 8th December, 1993 for purchase of power from the Dabhol power project of DPC.

(d) Both MSEB and DPC have initiated legal proceedings agnainst each other alleging violation of certain clauses of the PPA and the issues are presently subjudice.

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